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SUBJ: LEFTIST PERONIST YOUTH CHANGE TACTICS

1. IN A CLANDESTINE PRESS CONFERENCE ON NOV 8, JUAN CARLOS DANTE GULLO AND JUAN ANON ANNOUNCED AN APPARENT CHANGE IN TACTICS FOR THEIR ORGANIZATION--THE PERONIST YOUTH-REGIONALES. THIS ELEMENT OF THE "REVOLUTIONARY TENDENCY" OF THE LEFTIST PERONIST YOUTH HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE THEY STOOD AT THE SIDE OF THE MONTONEROS TWO MONTHS AGO AS THE LATTER ANNOUNCED THEIR RETURN TO ARMED RESISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

2. EMPHASIZING THAT THEIR GROUP HAD NEVER DECIDED TO TAKE UP ARMS, GULLO AND ANON STATED IT INSTEAD WOULD PREPARE FOR THE 1977 ELECTIONS BY "ORGANIZING THE STRUCTURES NECESSARY TO RECONSTITUTE THE PERONIST MOVEMENT". THE TWO ANNOUNCED A PLAN OF MASS MOBILIZATION FOR NOV 17 IN ORDER TO MARK THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF PERON'S RETURN TO ARGENTINA AND ALSO DECLARED THEMSELVES TO BE FIRMLY AGAINST ANY MILITARY "GOLPES".

3. THE JP-REGIONALES REPRESENT A LARGE PORTION OF THE LEFTIST PERONIST YOUTH. THEIR ANNOUNCEMENTS WOULD APPEAR TO BE MOTIVATED BY RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE

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TO PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THE MONTONEROS

IN ORDER TO SURVIVE AS AN ORGANIZATION. IT ALSO INDICATES
THEY ARE NO LONGER WILLING TO LET THE MONTONEROS CALL ALL THE
SHOTS. THEIR PLANS MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN OVERTAKEN BY
EVENTS. THE MAIN STRENGTH OF THE JP-REGIONALES IN THE
PAST WAS THEIR ABILITY TO MOUNT LARGE DEMONSTRATIONS.
THE GOA, HOWEVER, HAD CEASED TO TOLERATE SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS
EVEN BEFORE IMPOSITION OF THE STATE OF SEIGE AND
THEREFORE CAN BE EXPECTED TO PREVENT ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES
ON NOV 17. THE DESIRE OF THE JP TO RETURN TO POLITICAL
ORGANIZATION IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT
THIS WOULD EXPOSE THEM TO ATTACKS BY RIGHT-WING TERRORISTS.
GIVEN THESE TWO FACTORS, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE THIS GROUP
REASSUMING THE IMPORTANCE IT ONCE HAD IN ARGENTINE POLITICAL
LIFE.
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